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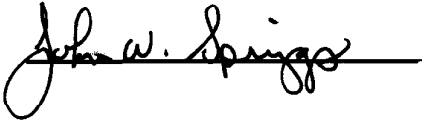
Project # 0046-DC-2001-126

Regional Utility Cooperative Pilot Project (Phase 1)

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Project Name: **Regional Utility Cooperative Pilot project (phase 1)**
Name of Partner Organization: **Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium**
Project Number **0046-DC-2001-126**

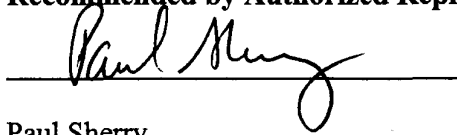
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Date 12/04/03

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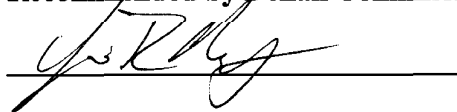
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Date: 12/5/03

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Date: 18 Feb 04

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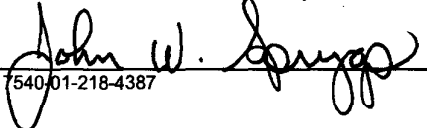
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FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

(Short Form)

(Follow instructions on the back)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Denali Commission		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency 0046-DC-2001-126		OMB Approval No. 0348-0038	Page of 1 of 1 pages
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address, including ZIP code) Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium 1901 South Bragaw, Suite 200,- Anchorage Alaska 99508					
4. Employer Identification Number 92-062-721		5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number none		6. Final Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7. Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual					
8. Funding/Grant Period (See instructions) From: (Month, Day, Year) 3/1/2000		To: (Month, Day, Year) 3/1/2003		9. Period Covered by this Report From: (Month, Day, Year) 3/1/2000	
				To: (Month, Day, Year) 3/1/2003	
10. Transactions:		I Previously Reported	II This Period	III Cumulative	
a. Total outlays			1,217,500.00	1,217,500.00	
b. Recipient share of outlays			1,067,500.00	1,067,500.00	
c. Federal share of outlays			150,000.00	150,000.00	
d. Total unliquidated obligations				0.00	
e. Recipient share of unliquidated obligations				0.00	
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations				0.00	
g. Total Federal share(Sum of lines c and f)				150,000.00	
h. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period				150,000.00	
i. Unobligated balance of Federal funds(Line h minus line g)				0.00	
11. Indirect Expense	a. Type of Rate(Place "X" in appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional <input type="checkbox"/> Predetermined <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed				
	b. Rate 5%	c. Base 0	d. Total Amount 0.00	e. Federal Share 0.00	
12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation. none					
13. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.					
Typed or Printed Name and Title John W. Spriggs, RS, MPH, Utility Consultant ANTHC			Telephone (Area code, number and extension) 907-729-4088		
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 			Date Report Submitted December 4, 2003		

Denali Grant Narrative

Forming A Regional Utility Cooperative in Rural Alaska
Project # 0046-DC-2001-126

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) have partnered and YKHC is the selected parent organization to establish a regional utility cooperative (RUC) to assist regional villages with utility systems sustainability.

The villages in rural Alaska routinely lack the capacity to operate water and sewer systems. The lack of capacity is attributed to a variety of factors including very remote sites without road access, extremely harsh climates, low service populations, high operator turnover rates and the limited technical and financial skills in the communities. Further compounding the problem are increasingly complex operation requirements mandated by EPA and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. The result has generally been systems that do not meet current regulatory requirements and generally decline in efficiency over a five to 10 year period before failing. The RUC has a primary goal of sustainability of operations for their members.

The Denali Grant funding has help to establish a Regional Utility Cooperative in rural Alaska villages with YKHC. The Grant funds help collect crucial data to establish and Identify 20 potential RUC member villages along with developing RUC business plan, organization, policies, practice, and model agreements. The Denali grant funds were also used to establish ANTHC as the pilot manager and a RUC manager at YKHC. As a result an ANTHC project Coordinator and RUC manager was hired to over see this RUC project. The RUC management organization currently has increased its operating

capacity to include three villages (Holy Cross, Grayling and Toksook Bay) with two more villages scheduled to become members of the RUC this year with five more selected RUC villages next year. This will bring or total operating RUC communities to 10 total as proposed in the RUC business plan. This RUC project is designed to build infrastructure to reduce the high unit cost of utility operation by combining utilities, putting together utility management structures and training that can help reduce the true cost of sustainable infrastructure.

This RUC project may not of happen if not for the support of the Funding groups.

Having the partnership with the Denali Commission has greatly increased the needed success of this project and the grant funds have had a mayor impact on the project outcome. An unexpected benefit of this Denali grant was during the interaction and discussion phase of the RUC program to potential RUC members a better understanding of the importance of utility management process was generated. Many villages were glad to see that these kinds of programs were being developed to help solve some of the sustainability problems.

. There were no major problems encountered during the implantation of this project and we are pleased of it outcome.

This RUC project has been built on a strong foundation and has the support of many partners who have a commitment to see this project through. This team effort is providing infrastructure that may help reduce the true unit cost of utility operation. This team effort will provide a means to protect public health in rural Alaska. The RUC project is in its developing phase and we are looking forward to a great future in the operating phase of the program